

Harvard University,

Cambridge, June 20th, 1890.

Dear Dr. Watson, -

I learn from Mrs. Gray and Dr. Goodale that you have selected an Assistant in the Herbarium, namely Dr. Robinson. Will you be good enough to give me the grounds of this selection, and state the salary which you consider an appropriate one for Dr. Robinson. He must be appointed by the President and Fellows, and the appointment should be made next Monday if Dr. Robinson is to go to work soon. The Corporation has not received any money with which to pay Dr. Robinson, but it has received the assurance of money to come. I heartily congratulate you on the new resources of the Herbarium. They are, to be sure, of a temporary character, but we may hope that before this temporary aid ceases some permanent endowment will have been procured.

Very truly yours,

*Charles M. Eliot*

Dr. Sereno Watson.